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WELCOME TO
GULF HARBOUR COUNTRY CLUB

Gulf Harbour Country Club enjoys a reputation as one of the premier golf clubs in New Zealand, with an outstanding championship course.



Located on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula, less than an hour's drive from Auckland's CBD, it is home to an 18-hole gem designed by the famous course architect Robert Trent Jones Jr. Despite its relatively tender years, the layout has twice played host to the New Zealand Open.

Members enjoy the thrill of playing the spectacular cliff-top course every day, and for visitors it is a must-play for anyone visiting Auckland. The clubhouse experience is equally rewarding: the club has a warm, friendly atmosphere ensuring domestic and international visitors will feel instantly at home.

Gulf Harbour members enjoy a full programme of competitive and social golf alongside their peers in club competitions as well as the opportunity to represent the club in pennant competition.

Expert tuition available from our PGA Professional team allied to outstanding game improvement facilities enables the ambitious golfer to be as good a player as their talent and practice time permits. Leading professional talents such as Lydia Ko and Michael Hendry honed their games here.

The club has excellent accompanying facilities including a gymnasium, swimming pool, saunas and spas and tennis and squash courts to which members have full access.

Those seeking a venue of the highest standard for weddings, corporate golf days, meetings and conferences, golf trips or private dining need look no further.

Whatever the occasion the staff at Gulf Harbour look forward to welcoming you.





A BRIEF HISTORY

Gulf Harbour Country Club was only opened in 1997 but already has a history the envy of clubs many times its age.

The club was the centrepiece of a major development which was to see a new marina, apartments, townhouses, residential estates and dwellings built on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula.

Gulf Harbour is the only club in New Zealand designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr, the esteemed American golf course designer. Jones is known as "the father of environmental golf course design" and likes to say that he "listens to the land" when creating his masterful layouts.

Only a year after it burst on to the New Zealand golf scene, Gulf Harbour staged the World Cup of Golf, a major team event for professionals featuring the likes of Major champions Nick Faldo and John Daly.

The world's leading golfers shone over those four days, but arguably the most outstanding performer of all was the course. A star was born.





Gulf Harbour continued to gain admirers and in 2005 it staged the New Zealand Open. This was co-sanctioned for the first time by the European Tour, a first for a tournament in New Zealand, and this led to a doubling of the prize fund to 1.5 million New Zealand Dollars.

Spectators saw some spectacular golf and an incredible finish. Sweden's Niclas Fasth beat Briton Miles Tunnicliff in a sudden-death playoff after he made birdie on the second extra hole. Tunnicliff himself had set up the grandstand finale by sinking a six-metre birdie putt in the final hole of regulation as both players finished on 22 under par.

The tournament returned to Gulf Harbour the following year and the finish was no less dramatic, Australian Nathan Green firing a final round 65 to come through the field after starting the day in 39th.

Our very own Michael Campbell, England's Nick Dougherty and Australians Marcus Fraser, Jarrod Moseley, Wade Ormsby and Brett Rumford tied for

second place. While admittedly the par was lowered by a stroke in 2006, the course got its revenge, with the winning score 17 shots worse than the previous year!

Since those early days the club has endured some up and down periods with a number of different owners including a member buy out in 2008. Today the club is once again thriving under the current Chinese owners, Long River who purchased Gulf Harbour Country Club in November 2013 and took over full management control of the club in November 2016. Since then the owners have invested heavily to return the club to its rightful status as one of the best in New Zealand including an investment of \$1.2 million in state of the art green keeping equipment and a fully refurbished gym.



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THE HOME OF CHAMPIONS

Gulf Harbour is regarded as one of the leading clubs in New Zealand and we are proud several champion golfers have chosen to align themselves with our championship course.

The most famous, of course, is Lydia Ko, whose game was honed here under the watchful eye of leading coach Guy Wilson.

During their time together Lydia became the world number one amateur for three consecutive years, and rose as high as number four in the world golf rankings. She won five professional events as an amateur while under Wilson's guidance, the first when she was just 14.

Lydia played and practised here from the time she first started golf. Because of our course layout and practice facilities it enabled her to work on her game with green speeds and turf of comparable quality to those she finds around the world in tournament golf. Her coach also uses our range for teaching distance control and wedges using FlightScope because of its tournament-like condition.

Lydia has been an asset to our club and encouraged the growth of our junior memberships. She is an incredible ambassador for the game of golf and for New Zealand.



Lydia Ko





Michael Hendry

Refreshingly approachable, Lydia has always had time for the Gulf Harbour members. In 2016, Lydia sponsored a major junior tournament at Gulf Harbour, attracting the best young talent from New Zealand and overseas. A scholarship at the prestigious Hills Academy in Australia was up for grabs, a prize befitting of Lydia's status as one of the world's best leading golfers. This has since become an annual tournament and a fixture in the Gulf Harbour calendar.

We will likely see much less of Lydia in the coming years as she competes around the world. She turned professional at the end of 2013, a memorable year which saw her become the first Kiwi to win the New Zealand Women's Open and first female golfer to win the prestigious Halberg Award as the New Zealand sports person of the year. In 2015, Lydia became the youngest golfer in history to hold top spot in the world rankings at the age of just 17.

Her phenomenal success is down to her supreme talent and dedication and makes us all at Gulf Harbour very

proud. In 2017, the club will unveil a new board on the 13th hole dedicated to Ko.

Gulf Harbour has produced some pretty handy male golfers too. It is the home club for golfer Michael Hendry, who won the New Zealand PGA Championship in 2012 and in 2017, became the first Kiwi golfer to win the NZ Open since 2003.

Hendry gave up a promising cricketing career to become a golf professional in 2005 and one of his many claims to fame is that he shot a career-best 62 on his own course.



Lydia Ko



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THE COURSE

Spectacular finishing holes, ocean views, rolling terrain and classic, traditional values. All combine to make Gulf Harbour Country Club one of the most exciting golfing experiences in New Zealand.

This 6,400-metre, par-72 golf course meanders through native grasses and vegetation and has a natural look and feel from start to finish.

Five sets of tees assure playability for every calibre of golfer, from beginners to professionals. Like all great courses, Gulf Harbour tantalises players with a variety of exciting holes. Several feature risk and reward opportunities, and none are tricked-up or artificial.

The fairways are generous, but well bunkered, while good putters will prosper on the fast and true-running greens.

The magnificent topography of the land gave legendary golf course architect Robert Trent Jones Jr. a wonderful natural canvas on which to work, and he certainly did not disappoint.

The front nine is generally flat and has an open feeling, while the back nine wanders towards the ocean and culminates with some of the most scenic holes anywhere.

The golfing experience gradually heightens across the course of a round and the four finishing holes are sure to increase the heartbeat of every golfer.

The jewel in the crown is the 405-metre 16th, our signature hole and a classic par 4 bordering cliffs. The second shot flirts with the rocks and requires nerve as well as talent. A true risk and reward hole, for visitors it is a must-play on any trip to Auckland and whatever your score, a challenge to live long in the memory.





TOUR THE COURSE

We hope you enjoy your time with us at Gulf Harbour Country Club. Here are a few useful tips and course notes which should help you make the most of your round if you have never visited us before. Distances shown are from the Black Championship tees.

HOLE 1, 366 METRES, PAR 4

A straight away, open starting hole playing downwind in the winter. The 18th fairway on the right creates a wide double fairway producing a very comfortable driving hole. An open entry green will allow the player to bounce the ball on to the putting surface.

HOLE 2, 479 METRES, PAR 5

A very interesting par 5. The tee shot is played uphill to an elevated decked fairway. To the left of the fairway, the terrain drops sharply. From the first landing area the player can view the slightly elevated green situated in a saddle with little or no backing.

HOLE 3, 160 METRES, PAR 3

A delightful par 3 set amongst numerous mature pine trees. This hole plays slightly uphill to a green that has only sky as a backdrop. A very natural green setting and variable winds make club selection a complicated task.

HOLE 4, 387 METRES, PAR 4

This long par 4 plays much shorter than it appears as the tee shot drops some 15 metres to the fairway. The fairway itself is wide and receptive allowing the player to swing away. Protected by bunkers, the green is positioned on an elevated plateau and a shot played left or long will be in trouble.





HOLE 5, 342 METRES, PAR 4

A short par 4, but occasionally directly into the wind. The tee shot is played over a small arm of a lake to an elevated plateau. A tee shot hit to the right will leave the player with a very difficult approach. The view from the landing area to the green is magnificent, looking directly down towards the marina. The green is decked into the hillside with a sharp drop to the right side. The approach shot must be hit with precision.

HOLE 6, 474 METRES, PAR 5

A medium length par 5 that the longer hitters can reach in two. However, the green is well protected and a fairway wood will have to be perfect to find the putting surface. The drive area is decked into a rolling hillside that creates severe trouble if the golfer misses to the right. The gently rolling fairway will provide several options on the second shot. One can play well left and safe but face a downhill/sidehill lie for the approach. On the other hand, a second shot played to the right will be more difficult but the player will be rewarded with a level lie and easier approach to the small green. The green itself is well guarded with deep greenside bunkers. A par here is a good score.



HOLE 7, 306 METRES, PAR 4

This is the shortest par 4 on the course, but no less challenging. When played downwind the green is reachable from the tee, but with considerable risk. The small green, with a lake on the right, presents a difficult target, but allows the perfect tee shot to bounce on to its surface. The farther left the tee shot is played, the more difficult the approach shot becomes.

HOLE 8, 162 METRES, PAR 3

An attractive medium-length, lake-side hole, the par 3 eighth is normally played with a crosswind, which makes club selection critical. Playing to the right will find trouble. Playing left is much safer but will leave a difficult chip shot to the well-guarded green.

HOLE 9, 406 METRES, PAR 4

A long difficult finish for the outward nine, this hole varies dramatically depending upon wind direction. When playing downwind, a driver followed by a middle or short iron approach will reach the green. When playing directly into the wind this hole can prove difficult to reach in two by even the best players. The tee shot demands great accuracy to avoid the lake on the right and the hill on the left. The green is slightly elevated and well guarded with deep greenside bunkers. A par here is a good score.



HOLE 10, 366 METRES, PAR 4

A medium to long par 4 with spectacular views to the west. The hole plays along a rolling sidehill with a gentle curve to the right. A tee shot played right will leave the golfer with a difficult approach to the green which drops quickly off at the back. This hole can vary dramatically in difficulty, depending upon wind conditions and the pin location.

HOLE 11, 489 METRES, PAR 5

A short par 5, the 11th plays uphill and is well defended by mature pine trees, bunkers and topographic features. The tee shot is actually downhill into a valley fairway. From the drive zone the hole meanders uphill some 25 metres in elevation with trees creating hazards on both sides of the fairway.

HOLE 12, 309 METRES, PAR 4

A dramatic and novel short par 4 situated in a unique part of the course. This self-contained valley provides the setting for one of the most dramatic short approach shots on the course. A short iron uphill approach requires skill and good judgement under windy conditions. The green is perched atop a narrow ridge providing a spectacular vista of the surrounding ocean.

HOLE 13, 167 METRES, PAR 3

From the back tee this is amongst the most demanding par 3s in golf; a 230-metre shot to the green some 12 metres above the tee. The green is shaped into a wonderful bowl setting, but protected by a deep frontal bunker. From the forward tees this hole plays medium length from a variety of directions. Weather conditions and tee location have a great impact on its playing characteristics.

HOLE 14, 417 METRES, PAR 4

A long, open, grand par 4. A sweeping downhill tee shot to a fairway some 10 metres below allows the player to swing away. A shot pulled or hooked left will be in trouble and a shot placed too far right will result in a difficult sidehill lie. The approach shot requires a long iron or fairway wood to a green on the ridge line some 13 metres above. The player will see only the flag flying with sky for a backdrop. Judging distances will be difficult. This hole is both dramatic and difficult.

HOLE 15, 169 METRES, PAR 3

A spectacular downhill par 3 which plays directly at the ocean. This is the first of three unique ocean front holes. Native vegetation and mature pine trees give a wonderful setting that certainly makes this another of many memorable holes.



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HOLE 16, 424 METRES, PAR 4

Our signature hole, this par 4 is the most dramatic and difficult hole on the course for many. A setting such as this is rarely found in the golf world and has been compared with the 8th at Pebble Beach or the 17th at Cypress Point. The tee shot plays over a ravine to a rolling fairway that naturally turns to the right. The long hitter can opt to play over the rugged ocean front terrain to considerably shorten his approach. Such a tee shot is clearly risky, as any shot less than perfect will not be found. The green rests at the point of a narrow peninsula providing 270 degrees of photographic ocean views.

HOLE 17, 593 METRES, PAR 5

The longest and perhaps the most demanding par 5 playing along and through the gently rolling ocean front topography. To the inland side of the hole is a long ridge line that not only provides a backdrop for the hole but creates a special environment separated from the rest of the golf course.

HOLE 18, 393 METRES, PAR 4

An exhilarating finish to the round, this long, downhill hole has broad views of the large lake and valley and a glimpse of the town centre. A double fairway with the 1st hole allows the tee shot to stray well right. However, such a shot can leave the golfer with a blind approach. When playing against the wind this hole provides a real challenge.



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Whether you are looking for your first set of clubs or planning on getting your current set fitted to your swing, our golf professionals can help. We take club fitting seriously and take our clients to a specialised indoor fitting centre offering the latest in technology to ensure we get their specifications absolutely right.

The Pro Shop aims to be competitive on price and offers something the internet cannot compete with - a friendly face and warm welcome, together with good, sound advice on how to get the most from your golf game.

The shop is open seven days a week. If you are looking to improve your game or are new to golf, come in and talk to our helpful team.

You can't always play your best, but you can look the part, with a large selection of stylish clothing in stock from many of the leading brands such as Titleist, FootJoy, Calvin Klein, Nike, Oakley, Proquip, & Taylor Made.

The Gulf Harbour Pro Shop also has Club Car golf carts (with GPS) and trolleys available for hire. For bookings and advice on all things golf call (09) 428-1380.







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GOLF LESSONS

If you have the commitment and desire to lower your handicap then our highly committed PGA-qualified teaching professionals led by Director of Golf Frazer Bond will be delighted to help you achieve your goals.

Frazer and his colleagues Johnathan Ratcliffe, Jenna Gainford and Dong Woo are confident they can improve the level of any player, whatever their current ability. And all golfers will know that the better you play, the more you will enjoy your game.

Regular golf lessons are the foundation and structure to game improvement and the pathway to realise your full potential as a player. Our pros are here to help:

- Beginners, who are supplied with the foundations on which to build a fundamentally-sound golf game.
- Improvers looking to lower their scores and turn problem areas into parts of their game they can rely upon, eliminating weaknesses and turning them into strengths.
- Already proficient players who are wanting to take their game to the next level.

Our professionals believe in the basic fundamentals, keeping it simple and producing a swing that can repeat, working with the physical capabilities of the individual golfer.

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PRACTICE FACILITIES

Gulf Harbour Country Club provides extensive practice facilities allowing players to loosen up prior to teeing off, or to work on all areas of their game.

You don't host prestigious tournaments such as the World Cup of Golf without having practice facilities suitable for the game's leading players and ours is rated as one of the top complexes in the country.

The practice areas are for members only, with the exception of social players wishing to warm up prior to their hit-off time.

Here is what we can offer:

- Driving Range - long enough to allow practice with any club in the bag. Members can practise off turf, which gives more accurate feedback on ball striking. Tokens may be bought in the Pro Shop.

- Indoor coaching room with FlightScope simulator - perfect for coaching, club fitting and measuring club distances.
- Putting and Chipping Greens - close to the clubhouse and kept in the same exceptional condition as those you will find on the course.
- Pitching Green - for practising greenside approach shots with a wedge.
- Bunkers - for perfecting your sand save technique.

If you have the time to dedicate to practice, with the facilities available at Gulf Harbour and expert tuition you really will be able to become the best golfer you possibly can.





BECOMING A MEMBER

Gulf Harbour welcomes applications from potential new members. The club has much to recommend it: the picturesque golf course, well-appointed clubhouse and, most importantly, the friendly and social atmosphere.

An extensive choice of membership categories are available to ensure that the majority of golfers are catered for.

Traditional seven-day golf memberships are by far the most popular, giving unlimited access to the magnificent 18-hole championship golf course and a host of competitive playing opportunities. Members can also chart their continual improvement by gaining a New Zealand Golf handicap, recognised at golf clubs worldwide and make their bookings either in person in the Pro Shop, by phone, or online.

Golf membership and membership to the gym and swimming pool are now separate allowing members to pick a membership package that best suits their needs

Here is a summary of our membership categories:

Full Golf Membership: The Membership for the golfer who wants unlimited access to play golf 7 days a week.

9 Hole Membership Monday to Friday: entitled to play nine holes of golf per day Monday to Friday. All other times pay Member's Guest green fee rates.

Junior and Intermediate: Membership available in 10-17 and 18-23 age groups. Entitled to join the Junior/ Intermediate coaching sessions on Saturday mornings with beginners working towards assessment and playing rights.

Sports Membership: access to the tennis courts, gym, indoor pool, spas and saunas.

For full details of membership including latest subscriptions please phone (09) 428-1380 or download one of the brochures available on the membership page of the club website, www.gulpharbourcountryclub.co.nz.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

The ultimate way to enjoy the game of golf is to become a member of Gulf Harbour Country Club. Here are just a few reasons why choosing to join us could be the best decision you make all year:

- The opportunity to play one of New Zealand's most highly regarded championship golf courses as often as you want
- Get an official New Zealand Golf handicap that allows you to play on most courses across the country
- As a member, you will find you play more and your handicap should fall
- Entry into weekly club competitions
- Entry into a wide selection of club Honours Board events
- The chance to represent the club against others in team pennant competition
- Enjoy reciprocal golf at some excellent courses around the world
- Discounted membership prices for club facilities: gymnasium, indoor heated swimming pool, spa, sauna, and tennis
- Discounted membership rates for young adult and junior golfers
- A pleasant social atmosphere to make and retain friends over an extended period
- Outstanding catering, with good food available seven days a week
- A variety of memberships available to suit all needs
- Invitation to Member Functions and Events
- Regular Newsletters emailed
- Fully-stocked Pro Shop with knowledgeable staff
- Golf tuition available seven days a week
- Frequent casual golf where new members can easily join in
- Friendly and welcoming staff always happy to help





MEMBERS' GOLF

Members at Gulf Harbour enjoy a range of competitive golf throughout the season, both within the club for trophies and in interclub events such as the annual Harbour Golf Association pennants.

The pennant is the competitive highlight of the golfing year with teams competing over several weeks for the prestige of winning the flag and being able to call themselves the best club in the region.

Golf is available to Full Members every day, with certain tee-times reserved for competitions. The following gives an idea of the weekly timetable (times may be varied occasionally, depending on special events):

Monday: 8.30am to 8.50am is reserved for women's 9-hole golf and 9am to 9.40am for veterans.

Wednesday: 8.30am to 12.30pm is reserved for members' use.

Saturday: 9am to 1pm is reserved for members' use.

As well as the regular weekly competitions, there are a host of Trophy Events to enjoy. These competitions are important and winning any of them is a significant achievement.

Perhaps the most prestigious in each section is the respective Club Championships which feature several strokeplay rounds to decide the overall winner. There are four handicap divisions and play is "off the stick" within the respective categories.

Two more events everyone wants to win are the Match Play Championship, featuring singles matchplay played in handicap divisions and a matchplay pairs event known as the Captain's Cup.

It's not all about winning, however. There are also plenty of opportunities for social golf for those who just want to get together and enjoy the course and the company of good friends.

Each Tuesday during Daylight Savings hours we run a 9-hole Twilight Golf competition. The season starts November and will run through to March with a short break over the Christmas period. Everyone is welcome and tee off is between 4.00pm and 6.00pm.

The 9-hole competition format varies each week and there will be a prize presentation afterward in the clubhouse. Take advantage of our fantastic cafe and bar facilities and stay on for refreshments or dinner after your game.



RECIPROCAL CLUBS

Gulf Harbour Country Club has reciprocal arrangements with many golf clubs overseas. These reciprocal relationships provide adding extra value to our memberships and offer the perfect chance to pack the clubs should you be travelling for business or pleasure to one of these destinations! Details vary from club to club and respective requirements should be checked and confirmed with the club office before booking to avoid disappointment. The list of clubs is subject to change, so see our website for our current reciprocal clubs.



JUNIORS

At Gulf Harbour Country Club we encourage junior golfers with a program to develop skills at all levels. Golf teaches respect, discipline, self-challenge... and patience! ... at a healthy level.

The championship course and driving range at Gulf Harbour Country Club offers the perfect training ground to improve your game and prepare you for playing friendly and competitive golf. Junior tee times are available 7 days a week as well as the use of the putting greens, pitching and short game areas. Learn and master your game at Gulf Harbour Country Club and see why some of New Zealand's best professionals are members here.

Our junior coaching program is run by Jenna Gainford, PGA Golf Professional Trainee - TPI Level 1 Certified. Jenna has a passion for golf and her coaching sessions make learning how to play easier, fun and accessible. She has a mission to get younger people introduced to the game earlier as well as getting more ladies into the game.

Junior players will benefit from Gulf Harbour's world class practice facilities, SNAG Gear and our indoor teaching room with flight scope. This is an opportunity to inspire junior players as they learn the game of golf in a fun and safe environment.

For registration or more information please contact Jenna at the Pro shop on 09 428 1380 or email proshop@ghcc.co.nz

Since its inception in 2003, neighbouring Wentworth College has worked with the country club to offer students (with a qualifying handicap of 10 or under) the opportunity to belong to our Golf Academy through our golf scholarship programme. Golf is also offered to students with higher handicaps who are interested in competing at inter-school competitions. The Wentworth Premier Golf Team competes amongst the best North Harbour Golfers on a Monday afternoon.



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VISITORS AND SOCIAL GOLF

Gulf Harbour Country Club welcomes visitors to come and enjoy the thrill of our stunning golf course which sits majestically on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula overlooking Hobbs Bay.

Tee times are available seven days a week, though are limited on days featuring members' competitions and special events such as corporate golf days.

We will do our best to fit you in if we can, though pre-booking is always advised. It is recommended to phone ahead to book a tee-time or to check with the club our competition schedule for the day.

International visitors wishing to play one of New Zealand's most highly-regarded courses will be made most welcome.

For those short of time, it is worth noting that the club does offer a generously discounted rate for nine holes.

If you are visiting us for the first time please remember that the club has a dress code which is in line with most golf clubs around the world. If you respect this and standard golfing etiquette such as maintaining a good pace of play you will always be most welcome. Please note that golf shoes with metal spikes are not permitted, we are a soft spike-only course.

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RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

As a golf club alone, Gulf Harbour is truly something special. But we are so much more than that and being a Country Club means we are able to offer a whole host of other facilities for our members to meet all your health and fitness goals.

Here is a summary of our other recreational facilities:

Gymnasium - strength and tone with a fully equipped our gym and fitness studios which feature the latest equipment. If it's cardio you want we have the latest technology from Life Fitness. Our gym is equipped with treadmills, bikes, cross trainer and rower, perfect for keeping your aerobic workouts challenging and fun.

The best way to keep fit is to have a training programme with the right type of exercise for you. Our fitness instructors here at Gulf Harbour Country Club are happy to tailor an exercise programme to meet your needs. They will also show you how to use our weight training equipment safely and effectively. We have it all; weight machines to get you started, and free weights for the advanced gym-goers.

Indoor swimming pool - swimming is the best low impact aerobic exercise you can enjoy, so jump in and do a few lengths in our magnificent 18-metre heated pool.

Sauna and spa (men's and women's) - after your swim, or whenever you choose, relax and unwind in luxury.

Tennis courts - we have two full-size tennis courts, located right next to the car park. They are excellent quality and perfect for a bit of outdoor exercise on one of those glorious cloudless Gulf Harbour days.

Whether your goal is to live a more active lifestyle or de-stress at the end of the day, Gulf Harbour Country Club is the place for you.





CLUBHOUSE AND CATERING

Whether you are a member, a casual golfer or a visitor in search of refreshment, one thing's for sure: a warm welcome awaits you in the clubhouse at Gulf Harbour.

Facilities are open to the public including our Albatross Cafe that proudly serves Espresso Coffee along with a sumptuous breakfast and lunch menu.

Enjoy a morning coffee before your round from 8.30am in the Albatross Café, which is open seven days a week.

Then come back for a drink and a bite to eat with your playing partners afterwards as you scour your diaries for the earliest upcoming opportunity you can all get back for another game.

The Albatross Café overlooks the 18th fairway and is a great place to relax, perhaps with a glass of wine or cold beer. A selection of teas, juices and soft drinks are also available.

There are great value Lunch Specials on offer daily - check with the Café as the choices change regularly.

Choose from our fresh food prepared daily on site and ready for you in the cabinets, or select from the blackboard menu which changes seasonally.

There is a seating area outside next to the putting green which is a popular spot to enjoy a refreshing drink on one of those glorious Gulf Harbour summer's days and a magnificent conservatory beside it offering protection from the elements.





WEDDINGS

Our dedicated Reception planning team look forward to creating a very special day, personalised for you.

We have plenty of experience to ensure your exact requirements are delivered, along with a beautiful venue to enhance the day. We have just one simple aim: to make your special day an experience beyond your dreams.

We are fully licensed and can cater for up to 160 guests with menu options suited to all budgets and tastes. An appointment with Head Chef to discuss your menu selection helps with personalising your reception meal.

Our Pohutukawa Lounge has panoramic views over the 18th fairway. Your guests can enjoy canapés on the deck, served by our friendly professional team of waiters and waitresses. Round tables each seat up to 10 guests to your seating plan.

With plenty of parking, and a lift to the first floor, your guests are assured of ease and convenience.

Access to the Pohutukawa Lounge is also via a beautiful staircase, which you may want styled to complement your colours and theme.

The room will be laid out with black or white linen tablecloths and napkins, as well as all place settings and glassware.

You may wish to supply place cards, table centrepieces and favours, or we can quote these for you. Full-length linen tablecloths, chair covers, organza sash/bows, or tassels can be included. This creates a sophistication and elegance that your day deserves.

Our beautifully crafted Kauri Bar sits comfortably in the Pohutukawa Lounge with table service provided by waiters and waitresses included.

There is no minimum spend on the bar, and although company policy prevents BYO, you can choose one of the following options to suit:

1. A pre-advised bar limit – the maitre d will advise the MC prior to the limit being reached.
2. Wines, beers/spirits pre-selected from our list of beverages.
3. A 100% cash bar.

We also offer a fruit cocktail or glass of bubbles on arrival and are happy to offer quotes for: on-course ceremonies, course access (for photographs only), table centrepieces, floral arrangements, live band, wedding cake, fairy light curtains, and anything else you wish to be included.

For more details or to arrange for a viewing of the premises, please call (09) 428-1380 or email: Events@gfcc.co.nz. A more detailed wedding brochure including pricing is available to view and download from our website, www.gulpharbourcountryclub.co.nz





CORPORATE GOLF DAYS

As one of New Zealand's premier golf courses, we understand the importance of a successful corporate golf day - not only for your guests but also for your company. The experienced staff at Gulf Harbour Country Club will take the pressure off you as we manage the logistics of your event.

The club prides itself on offering a personalised service which will be very evident from the time guests arrive until they depart. This is proven by the fact that many corporate groups come back and visit us year after year, so much did they enjoy their experience.

Despite the exclusive feel to Gulf Harbour, you will find we are reassuringly affordable and packages can be tailored to meet any budget.

After registration on arrival, we can offer a number of before-play options such as morning tea, warm up and practice on the putting and chipping greens, or swing assessment with our golf professionals.

We have a fleet of 50 carts and therefore can comfortably accommodate up to 100 golfers.

We are located on the Whangaparaoa Peninsula, by car just 45 minutes north of Auckland's CBD. Travel options for your guests include coach, ferry or self drive - and the VIPs may like the ultimate experience of arriving by helicopter.

We experience different weather patterns to Auckland and the North Shore. Our location sees us enjoying a lower rainfall on average. Very rarely has a corporate golf day been disrupted by weather despite what's happening on 'the mainland'.

However, should a 'rain check' be necessary due to bad weather, we would rather reschedule your golf day to ensure everyone experiences the maximum benefit.

GHCC will provide the following to meet your needs:

- Your company logo on the score cards
- Personalised cart run sheet and competition information
- Players' names and your logo on the carts
- **On Course Hole Competitions**
 - Nearest the pins on par 3s
 - Longest Drives
 - Beat the Professional
 - 10th tee Professional tips and tee shot
- Results at the end of play

The Pro Shop will quote for any merchandise you require - golf balls, gift packs, polo shirts and caps with your company logo.

A variety of prizes for your day are available from our Pro Shop where you can choose from well known brands at great prices.

Our friendly Professional team can also provide you with all the assistance you and your group require. They are available for golfing tuition or to put on group golfing clinics before play if desired.

The purpose of any corporate golf day is all about exposure for your business and we will do everything we can to assist, including displaying your corporate signage - flags, banners, sign-written vehicles etc - on the course (subject to pre-approval).

You have a choice of morning or afternoon tee-off times. Depending on the number of guests you have, you may require one or two tee starts. Shotgun starts are handy for post-round presentations as everyone finishes at roughly the same time.

The club has a number of motorised carts and trolleys and sets of golf clubs are also available to hire for those

who don't have their own. Gulf Harbour is renowned for its hospitality and that also extends to the course, where we can offer some or all of the following:

Refreshment Cart(s): Circulating from the first tee-off time with drinks and snacks

Build-A-Burger: at the turn between the front and back 9

Tacos and Tequilla: served out on the course a firm favourite

Sushi and Sake: served out on the course

Ice cream sundae station: served how you like it!

Champagne and fritter Station: on the 7th tee, overlooking the lake

Lunch Box: packed on to the cart for each player

Cocktail Station: served on our 16th, our signature hole

After play, canapes and drinks can be enjoyed on the deck which looks over the 18th fairway.

Our beautifully crafted Kauri Bar sits comfortably in the Pohutukawa Lounge, which seats up to 150 guests. Tables are round and each seats up to 10. Again, the food choice is extensive, promising your guests a dining experience to match the golf. Choose from canapés, a mouth-watering à la carte menu or a lavish buffet featuring a choice of meats and a chef's carvery.

A dance floor is situated at the southern end along with an overhead projector and drop down screen. For those after-event entertainment and presentations a sound system and cordless microphone is available for speeches etc.

For more information, please call (09) 428-1380 and talk to Carly.





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CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Whether it is a conference for 160 or a meeting for 10, Gulf Harbour Country Club is the perfect venue to entertain and impress your clients. Our experienced staff can assist you to make your day a success.

We can offer a relaxed atmosphere far detached from that of the normal busy workplace and the perfect environment in which to conduct business.

Morning and afternoon teas, working lunch or specific food and beverage requirements during your event are catered for on site. Menus and pricing are available on request.

Gulf Harbour has rooms available for business clients, two of which overlook the 18th fairway and have access on to the deck with stunning views of the golf course. The more informal and air-conditioned 'Sports Bar' is also available for hire.

The Pohutukawa Lounge is a large multi-functional room that may be used for conferences, presentations, seminars, weddings or other functions. This room can be set theatre or classroom style and offers opportunities for a multitude of configurations allowing it to comfortably accommodate large groups.

The Kowhai Room is ideal for smaller conferences or planning meetings and comes with flip chart and white board.

Free Wifi and free parking comes as standard.

We will customise your event with initiatives which will transform your conference or meeting to be most beneficial for your business or event. For more information on Conferences and Meetings at Gulf Harbour Country Club, or to book, phone Carly on (09) 428-1380 or email carly@ghcc.co.nz




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Gulf Harbour Country Club is 35kms from Auckland city and approximately 45 minutes from the Harbour Bridge traveling along the Northern Motorway.

DIRECTION

Take the Silverdale turnoff, pass through Silverdale town and at the top of the hill turn right at the traffic lights into Whangaparaoa Road. The Country Club is 15kms along Whangaparaoa Road, simply follow the signs to Gulf Harbour. Once in Gulf Harbour turn left at the roundabout just past Wentworth College - we are on your right as you drive up the hill.

CONTACT US

We look forward to welcoming you to Gulf Harbour Country Club. If you have any questions or would like further information then please do not hesitate to contact us.

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